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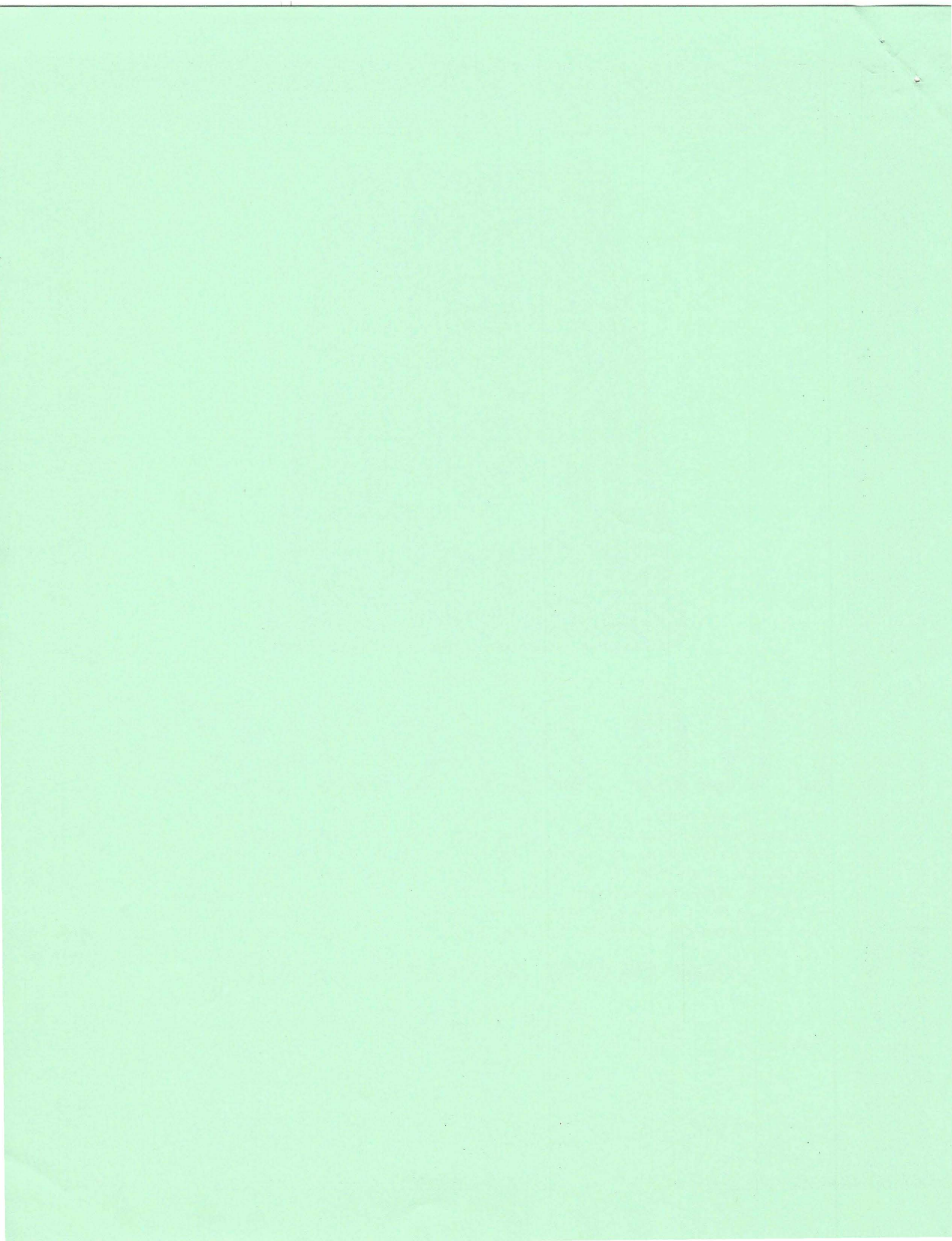
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# SEEING WITHOUT EYES

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Beloved Centurion:

"Seeing Without Eyes", the title of the lesson that you are now to study, is such a vast subject that it is impossible to cover it completely. In fact, to introduce it to you, may I say just this - there is so much more to our vision than that which we think of as associated with our wonderful eyes.

I am sure that you have often heard someone say, "Yes, I see that with my mind's eye." Perhaps that person has even had his eyes closed, but he was seeing it with the mind.

And there are things we see in our imagination. Imagination is really the "eyes of the soul". When one has a vivid imagination - and one that is creative - he or she gains so much more from life than that person who does not have it. Some people are born with it and others develop it, but there has never been a fine writer, a fine painter, or even a wonderful architect of buildings, who did not have imagination.

Some people think that this is something to be ridiculed. I am sure you have often heard other people say, "He is just imagining something." But truly without imagination, the great miracles that have been accomplished down through the ages could never have been realized. We often see this as an outstanding quality in the very young. Never try to curb this practice of imagining things on the part of a child - he is using his mind's eye.

And there is the mother who seems to have almost second sight where her child is concerned. If she is away from her boy or girl, she may sense that something is wrong. This is when the heart has eyes to see what the brain knows nothing of. It is a highly-developed and wonderful insight of which we know so little.



We tell you more of this in the following pages of the lesson. It is called Extrasensory Perception. Those of you in the higher degrees of Mayanry are familiar with it through your past studies. Some call it Extrasensory Perception - some call it Telepathy - but, regardless of what it is called, it is a wonderful power for good. It has never been learned how it can be controlled although much study has been and is being given to the subject - but, nevertheless, it is there, strongly developed in some and to a lesser degree in others. It is VISION. It is a mysterious something.

A very simple and homely example of it is that which I know you have experienced when sitting behind someone you know in church or a theatre, and concentrating so strongly on the back of that person's head with whatever telepathic power you have that he turns around to look at you. Another example is in the many times you are concentrating very strongly on a person you have not seen or heard from in a long time, and suddenly the phone rings and there is that person's voice speaking to you. Everyone has had these or similar experiences. Usually they have looked upon them as something odd, and did not realize that what this is is a form of Vision.

The powers of Imagination, of Telepathy, of Perception, are great and seemingly impossible to understand, but they are really natural laws that everyone should develop and learn to use in order to gain more wisdom and more success in making life richer and fuller.

There is another form of Vision - the vision to see and enjoy with your mind's eye those things that have happened in the past and to look forward to those things you hope will happen in the future. The first, looking backward, is called the "eye of memory"; and the latter is thought of as a form of another vision, or prophecy.

But let us read on in the pages of the lesson, where you will be given more detail. This is only by way of conditioning your thoughts for what is to come. So let us proceed to study carefully. Think on these things as you study, for they can do much for you. Repeat the prayer and know that you are receiving that for which you ask.

#### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for the power of seeing my way outwardly and inwardly. Through this power grant me growing wisdom. Amen.

### VISION

This lesson is about vision, which is a very much wider subject than is generally realized. We are like people standing on the seashore looking at just a little of the ocean and exclaiming, "There is the ocean. Isn't it large? It must be deep too."

Nature has equipped us with just enough power of sight to enable us to live our lives and take care of ourselves. Since vision is the effect of light rays caught by the eye lens and reported by the optic nerve to the visual centers of the brain, and since these waves are of different lengths producing the effect of different colors, and since our visual apparatus responds to only a small part of the total number of wave lengths, we see only a small part of what we would see if our visual equipment were yet more extensive. We see just enough to find our way around well in this present life. If either the eye, the optic nerve, or the visual centers in the brain suffer damage our power of sight is lessened, and if bad enough it is destroyed. Like all the senses, sight reports to us only a small part of total reality.

This is only a fraction of the matter of seeing. There are many things with which we have to do that the eye is not equipped to see at all, like love, hope, happiness, ambition, truth, and even God, who can only be seen by a pure heart. When you explain something to someone and he says, "Yes, I see that" he probably means it and is speaking truly, though he may have his eyes closed or be what we call a blind person. He does see it, but in a way beyond the power of eyesight.

In this lesson we shall try to cover the whole subject of vision as far as we can understand it now, but we cannot possibly go into it in any complete detail. We can only sketch outlines here. That is all the better, for it will leave you to watch your own experiences and think and work out the details for yourself as far as you can. That will be a great deal if you give it constant attention, though none of us could wholly exhaust the subject.

Of course physical vision is the beginning, and anyone must start at the beginning. The better use we make of our eyes the more of what lies beyond the power of physical perception we shall discover and the more effective use we will be able to make of it. Really looking at what is visible to us suggests and reminds us of many things, even concerning these visible objects which are the better seen the more understanding of them we have.

One of the great services of the eye is to tell us how much there is to understand, or see without eyes; but there is a point where we can let the first get in the way of the second. We know this because we find that many "blind" people who have made good use of their deeper perceptive powers see in some ways better than do others with good eyesight.

## THE THIRD EYE

People in some of the countries of the Old East who have studied their inner lives and extra-optical perceptions for centuries talk of something they call the third eye. They attribute surprising powers of inner perception to certain nerve centers, glands, and parts of the brain structure, as being the mechanisms of this added power of vision. Such assumptions may have some truth in them, and Science itself may in time discover and confirm the belief that somewhere in the nervous system God has given us real equipment for perceiving things independently of the eye or any known optical power.



These processes in general have been given a scientific name, Extra-Sensory Perception, abbreviated to the initial letters ESP. It has been discovered and demonstrated in the laboratory that the human mind can determine facts entirely out of reach of any of the physical senses, and that these powers can be cultivated and increased. Some work of this kind has been done in various universities, the most notable of which is Duke University where a strong Department of Parapsychology was developed under the direction of Professor John B. Rhine. Although his books are no longer in print, perhaps your local library may have copies available for research and reference.

Most of us have known people who could unfailingly see objects such as a four-leafed clover in a roadside clump, or across a fence in a field, among countless others having only three leaves. To the average observer a field of clover is simply a matting of green plants, presumably with three leaves to each stem. But an occasional passer-by will pause, and turn, and pick from the green carpeting a single clover stem with four leaves. The ordinary eye could not do that alone. There must be some special prompting to give one the location.

Most of us have also known expert machinists who had a genius for locating trouble in a motor, engine, or machine, even a large and complex one. They pause, ponder a little, then begin uncovering the parts till they find the difficulty. Some physicians and surgeons have the same genius for locating hidden disturbances in the body. Columbus had this genius for navigation, Edison and others had it for mechanical invention, Pasteur and others for infectious diseases, and the Hebrew prophets for insight into the future of history.

This mention of only a few does not mean that only a few are similarly endowed. Just as everyone is born with two eyes, everyone must also be born with some ability to discern things beyond the power of physical vision; that is, with equipment for and power of extra-sensory perception. Many who have had and used it did not know it, but it is a power capable of greatly enriching human life.

One word of caution, however. Notice that the people who have wrought wonders with this deeper perception have been people who dedicated it to the doing of good, and not merely to their own advantage. That must be the safe, good, and wise way to use any special power of sight or understanding, for only those who have used it so are honored while they are here and afterward.

## IMAGINATION

One of our extra forms of seeing without eyes is imagination or the power of image forming. It is the ability, consciously or unconsciously, to think images. We sometimes think them so strongly that they appear to us as though the scene were actually present. This is usually but not always necessarily with the eyes closed. When this occurs in sleep we call it dreaming.

In these cases the visual centers of the brain are stimulated in some other way than through the eye and the optic nerve. Some account for these things, including dreaming, by wholly physical conditions or stimulations; but some of us

believe that in some cases at least God causes these powers to act in such a way as to reveal important things to us.

Do not be afraid nor ashamed of having a good, vigorous imagination. It is often a very valuable tool, and sometimes even a necessary one. It is an asset and was given to be useful to us just like the hand, the ear, or the eye itself. Imagination should not be used idly, indiscriminately, or allowed to run riot, nor should we fail to seek help when it is caused by disease or habit to take abnormal forms. Keep it healthy for valuable and constructive use. That is what it is for.

One of the most valuable things in any field or activity of life and one the worth of which is now valued everywhere, is what is called creative imagination. It stimulates the doing or building of important things by conceiving the possibilities of them beforehand. A study would show that back of almost every great achievement in history was a moment when the doer was struck forcibly with the possibility of it, so much so that he simply had to set to work carrying it out, and doggedly toiled at it till the thing he had imagined was a reality.

This happened to Abraham, Moses, and others in the Bible. It happened to the Wright Brothers before the airplane emerged. It happened to Henry Ford and others before the automobile became a reality. The fact that these men used it in such noted ways indicates that each of us can use it in his field of activity at home or elsewhere. Wherever a worthwhile possibility strikes you imaginatively that is your call and your preliminary plan to go to work doing it or preparing the way. No matter how great or small it may seem, it is something for which life is calling, so do not be afraid to dare. Such things often take an audacity the world finally recognizes as a mixture of genius and courage.

We have our great literature because we have had people with brilliant imaginations and judgment in using them. The fact that a book, a song, or a story is imaginative is no sign it is not true. The parables of Jesus are fiction, yet how wonderfully true they are. Written matter and oral speech are both strengthened in power and appeal if they are visualized imaginatively by their authors.

No one, especially a child with a vivid imagination, should be discouraged, ridiculed, or considered queer. He should be encouraged to use his endowment, but to keep it in hand and use it to help him along in his life and work and not allow it to lead him into mere fields of fancy.

## FAITH

Faith has many definitions because it has many facets, but one of them is that it is that which enables us to see without eyes and accomplish things of which we would not ordinarily be capable. This will be a good one, at least to begin with, for our present purpose.

In this case, by seeing without eyes we mean perceiving things, facts, conditions, and possibilities the eye would not and could not discern. That is



really nothing strange. We have all done it. The point here is that to do it consciously and use it to good purposes is a God-given asset. Thus it becomes one of the ways of keeping conscious of the Divine Power and the wonder of knowing it is operating in and through our lives.

The faithful - that is, the people who have, cultivate, and use faith, see many things by its strange and wonderful super-illumination. By faith Abraham visualized a great posterity in a fruitful land. By faith the Pilgrims visualized a new home and the possibility of a great nation. By faith Fulton saw his steamboat, Whitney his cotton gin, and Morse his telegraph. By faith we have all seen the most important and helpful things we have done or known. The story of faith is almost as extensive as that of life itself. We may assume that the creation of the earth and of the universe of which it is a part was an act of divine faith. Perhaps our human power to visualize things by faith and then do them is a phase of the divine image in which we are created.

People who practice faith healing tell us that the first thing to do and the thing to keep doing is to "see" the affected person in the perfection of the divine plan and purpose for him, the perfectly well and whole pattern in which he was created, and that doing this steadily and in faith tends to restore that image of health and wholeness. This conforms to St. Paul's statement that faith, being the substance of things hoped for, is the evidence of things not seen.

Faith, then, provides us with a special power of sight by which we can find our way around in life and through experience where ordinary eyesight would be only blindness. The purpose of vision is only to enable us to know what faith knows already, because it sees without eyes.

Faith even makes our ordinary eyesight clearer because it alerts it to what needs to be more clearly seen so it can be understood and perhaps acted upon. Have you not noticed how bright and observant are the eyes of people of faith? It was people who lack the faith element of whom Jesus said that having eyes they see not. Such people are in a pitiful situation because they do not understand. The pity is all the greater because these are so often the very people who are certain that they are the only ones who do understand.

The eye provides vision for the body, and that is necessary because we are now living in the body, but it is faith that provides vision for the soul. That is the more necessary because for the present the body is the vehicle of the soul and the means by which it keeps contact with a material world.

## INSIGHT

One of the especially important ways of seeing without eyes is called insight. It is the process of seeing the inner and deeper meanings of things, conditions, and expressions, to which the eye would not be sensitive. Its value is the recognition of reality and truth hidden in or behind appearance and which could easily be misinterpreted or not interpreted at all.



In the matter of reading insight is often called reading between the lines. What is actually written down on paper seldom if ever means all the writer had in mind and yet perhaps wanted to say. There are feelings and meanings that lie too deep for words. One who is skilful at reading between the lines or seeing behind the lines may often catch these meanings here and there, while the person who is a stickler for what a sentence really says, no more and no less, refuses to do so and thereby misses much, perhaps the best, of the meaning.

People who have or seek to have very deep and important understandings between them will sometimes sit in silence and understand each other better than they would do if many words were multiplied. Efforts to say in words what they feel and mean would be ineffective and confusing, partly because language is not adequate to it and partly because anyone under the spell of a deep personal feeling would probably not be able to make his speech as eloquent about it as his silence is. Insight is more sensitive than either the ear or the eye.

That is why solemn and worshipful meditation is sometimes more effective in establishing understanding between man and God than vocal and verbal prayer. The Old Testament injunction, "Be still, and know that I am God," expresses this point very well. No language is adequate to the deeper understandings between man and his Maker. The silence may lead to words, or vice versa; but the silence reaches deeper, higher, and farther, than the words do. Here is insight actually reaching out between two stages of existence. How could words with all their limitations ever do that?

The scholar or the student working to become a scholar stands in special need of insight. The true scholar has it and uses it or he would never have become a true scholar. The student who does not have or acquire it will not become more than a student. He may consider himself a scholar because he has passed examinations and earned grades but he will only be a fact peddler, and one is not a scholar unless he understands the meanings of the facts he peddles.

In the daily round of life it is the same. The one who does well is the one who understands his problems and sees into the meanings of things, who can interpret what the days bring into his life and evaluate the days themselves and life itself. Any truth, problem, or solution of a problem, has two phases that must be understood - what it really is and what is best to do about it. We may need to analyze it, classify it, or commit it to memory; but whatever we do, the chief necessity is to understand it. That is not always accomplished by words or actions. Sometimes it yields only to the power of insight, the X-ray of the mind.

## HINDSIGHT and FORESIGHT

The old people used to have a proverb that declared that hindsight is better than foresight. By that they meant that what one has had experience with he understands better than something in new and untried territory. There are two sides to this matter. For instance, it is undoubtedly better to see a critical situation before it arrives than to take the consequences of it after we have failed to avoid it. Both hindsight and foresight undoubtedly have their values.



They are simply two directional ways of seeing without eyes. Both have other names. Hindsight is memory and foresight is anticipation, and each has something to tell us. It is too late to take advantage of anything after it has passed; but advantage is not the only thing in the world, and memory has its values too, some of them very precious. The wreckage of the years should be dropped at once by the wayside; but memory makes it possible that the happy days, the helpful experiences, and the valuable occasions may, like records, be played over and over. Memory keeps albums of old pictures for us, and it is good to be able to turn through them again now and then.

This is true not only of personal memory but of racial memory, or the treasuries of recalled people, things, and events, generation after generation. The centuries have been full of events that were inspiring and protective. They have been full of people whose lives show us the way that wise, beneficent, and heroic things were done. We have Thermopylae, Runnymede, Plymouth Rock, and Calvary ever with us because great memories do not die with their generations.

Foresight, or anticipation, can be of untold value too, if it is accurate and applicable. How often goes up the despairing cry, "If I had only known it was going to be that way". We need to have and train a power of foresight strong and sure enough to help us have a certain sense of what present tendencies will lead to and have some dependable idea of how it is going to be. To stop listening to bad advice and keep our own ears to the ground might be a first step. We have the experience of the past, of others, and of ourselves to draw on. We have both written and spoken wisdom, and our own honest judgment of where events are leading us. We have the shadows that coming events cast before them. We know what either thorn bushes or fig trees will produce without waiting to see.

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Look backward to that in the past which is good to remember and live over again in thought. Look backward to the lessons the yesterdays had to teach in what grew out of what was once the present and what were its effects. All along the way you have been proving things, so you know now what is most worth clinging to. The mellow light of memory and the thinning mists of futurity both have something to tell us and to reckon with.

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So look forward too. Judgment and intuition will both help you to see what you must be ready for - the opportunity to be grasped, the test to be met, the peril to be avoided. Time and experience will sharpen this power and the ability to use it. The past was good. Try to make the future better.

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## PROPHECY

In closing let us glance at what is perhaps the most amazing of all forms of seeing without eyes. It is the strange and blessed process of looking into the very depths of the meanings of events and seeing their unfolding results, or of gazing along the horizons of time and seeing coming events like approaching clouds, or breaks in the clouds, or anticipating them in advance by the wind currents of history. This is called prophecy.

Prophets vary from beggars to princes, from herdsmen in fields to priests at altars, from men in desolate situations to men in the currents of life and events. Two things characterize them. One is the development of a super insight into events, enabling them to interpret the present and estimate the kind of future it is building into. The second is the ability to enter into rapport with the Divine and see in what direction the everlasting purpose is moving. Whatever may be the fashionable opinion, the prophet is not only a forth-teller but he is also a foreteller.

Let us notice the first and less mysterious of these qualifications for prophecy. It is one any shrewd person has, but it has to be sharpened by the other one. The prophet reads events and determines whither they are tending by the simple law of cause and effect. As Jesus said, anyone who can interpret the indications of the weather should be able to do the same with the signs of the times. Anyone who can tell the signs of an approaching storm or of its clearing away should be able to interpret the trends of history, if he would try.

If someone who knows nothing about plants should go about with a gardener and be told that one plant would produce lilies at such a time, while another would produce tulips at another time, it might seem to him that the gardener has powers of prediction, when it is all because he knows his plants.

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There are people who can see the trees of history  
preparing to bring forth the fruits of destiny and  
who know about when to look for them to appear.

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The second phase of the power of prophecy is less easy to explain, but it cannot be explained away. The Creative Spirit of God broods over the chaos of civilization just as it did over the chaos of the firmament building ever better levels of living. The divine purpose sweeps up the centuries setting things in order as it goes. One who is sufficiently in harmony with Our Maker can discern it. Like watching a moving railway train he can tell where and when it will arrive because he knows the schedule.

Flashes of this experience come to many people. When certain things have happened, have you not remembered having had impressions of them beforehand? If not, watch your flashes of realization and see if some of them are not prophetic.



Many have this ability in varying degrees, but the prophets were men who cultivated it and dedicated it to the redemption of their country and the preservation of their faith.

The point to all the foregoing lesson is simple and plain. You have many powers of vision. Learn to recognize, cultivate, and use them all; but dedicate them and share their benefits by doing only good with them.

AFFIRMATION

I live my life in the light of all the powers of discernment I have, and I dedicate them not only to being more capable but more useful.

Blessings,

YOUR INSTRUCTOR

